



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
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AUGUST 11, 2009
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On Tuesday, August 11, 2009, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 9:00 a.m. in room 9-040, 100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman Joseph Sinopoli, Commissioners Joseph Casciato, W. Jack Chamblin, Angelo Ciambrone, William Farley, Jr., Timothy Martin, Jon Metcalf, Michael Murphy, Paul Smith and Robert Winchester. Staff members Marc Laino, Shelley Kalita, Bob Lang and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Metcalf moved to approve Alan Love, Jr., Maywood Park's Outrider, as a racing official. Commissioner Casciato seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Chamblin moved to approve Arlington Park's request to reduce the purse of the Washington Park Handicap from \$300,000 to \$200,000. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve a request by Quad City Downs for an intertrack wagering location (OTB) license at 4007 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois. Commissioner Winchester seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

A request by Don Carter Lanes, Inc. for an occupation license to operate as a concessionaire at the OTB location at 4007 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois was deferred.

Commissioner Metcalf moved to approve a request by Hawthorne Race Course to vacate live racing on Monday, October 12, 2009. Chairman Sinopoli seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve a request by Hawthorne Race Course to consider two emergency items. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve an emergency request by Hawthorne Race Course to reduce the purse of the Robert F. Carey Memorial Handicap from \$150,000 to \$100,000, the Hawthorne Derby from \$250,000 to \$200,000, and eliminate the Bill Hartack Memorial Handicap. Commissioner Farley seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Sinopoli moved to approve an emergency request by Hawthorne Race Course to card two Friday night programs on October 9, 2009 and October 16, 2009, first post 6:00 p.m., conditioned upon written agreement by September 1, 2009 between Hawthorne Race Course, Maywood Park, and the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

BOARD ITEMS

Chairman Sinopoli moved that the Board approve an agreement between Suburban Downs, Maywood Park, Balmoral Park, and the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association regarding the Suburban Downs purse overpayment. In addition, paragraph #25 of the 2009 Dates Order was amended and will replace the original paragraph #25. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the initiation of rulemaking to amend Section 1318.90, Use of the Standardbred Whip, including amendments suggested by Commissioners Ciambrone and Casciato. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ciambrone, on behalf of the Board, presented a proclamation to jockey E.T. Baird for riding his 2,000th winner on July 17, 2009 at Arlington Park.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to uphold two stewards rulings dated July 5, 2009 suspending jockey Junior Alvarado for 3 racing days for impeding the progress of other horses during the running of the 3rd race on July 2, 2009 and disqualifying the horse "Sharp Trick" from 2nd place to 8th place. Commissioner Farley seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

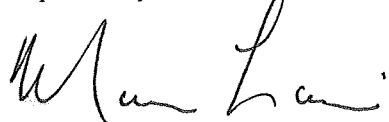
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Winchester moved that the Board approve the minutes of its regular meeting on July 14, 2009. Commissioner Chamblin seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 p.m., Commissioner Metcalf motioned for adjournment and Commissioner Casciato seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Laino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marc" and last name "Laino" clearly distinguishable.

Marc Laino
Executive Director